

CAPSULE SUMMARY
FOR
OFFUTT FARM/WOODBYRNE
14625 SENECA ROAD, DARNESTOWN

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/30
Approximate Building Date: 1908, altered 1941
Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown
Access: Private

The Offutt House has a side gable, telescope form built in three main sections. The oldest section of the Offutt house was built by James Howard Offutt, Jr. about 1908. After purchasing the property in 1941, John Sumner Wood and Peggy Angel Wood remodeled the house. The main block and center section are frame with narrow German (drop) siding and Seneca sandstone foundation, while the end section is brick. Outbuildings include a large bank barn, equipment barn, tenant house, and carport. This resource has some historical significance for its association with the Offutt family, but it has been dramatically altered by numerous changes made after it was sold out of the family in the early 20th century.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. **M24-30**

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Offutt Farm

and/or common Woodbyrne

2. Location

street & number 14625 Seneca Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Darnestown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard W. & Patricia M. Barrow

street & number 14625 Seneca telephone no.: (301)977-6303

city, town Germantown state and zip code MD 20874

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 7073

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 769

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

Survey No. M. 24-30

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Offutt house, situated at the end of a long driveway lined with large trees, has largely retained its setting of open fields and woods, in spite of nearby developments. Outbuildings include a large bank barn, equipment barn, tenant house, and carport.

House

The Offutt House has a side gable, telescope form built in three main sections. The main block and center section are frame with narrow German (drop) siding and Seneca sandstone foundation, while the end section is brick. The roof on all sections is composition shingle. Most windows are six over six sash with louvered shutters and projecting sills.

The north elevation of the main section is a two story tall and four bays wide. A Classical Revival entrance in the third bay has a paneled door surmounted by a tracery fanlight and flanked by four light transoms, and the whole is sheltered by a one story, one bay portico with arched ceiling and paired square columns. Six over six sash windows are located in remaining bays of the first and second stories. The north facade of the center section is two bays wide, with paired six over six sash on the first story and two separate six over six sash on the second story. A brick interior ridge chimney is located on the west end of the center section. The brick section has two wide bays with multipane windows on the first story with shuttered windows above.

On the south facade, a two story ell extends to the rear from the west end of the main block. The first and second story consist of a three part bay window, the whole of which is terminated by a gable roof with cornice returns. A pair of French doors with single light sidelights is located on the first story in the eastmost bay. The south roof slope of the brick section is longer than the north slope. A shed roof wall dormer extending across the center section and part of the brick section has paired sliding glass doors.

A one story, glass-enclosed porch extending across the width of the east gable end of the main block has a flat roof whose perimeter is defined by a wooden balustrade. A large brick exterior chimney is located on the east gable end which is flanked by a shuttered window on the south bay and a glazed door in the north bay. Quarter round tracery windows flank the chimney in the gable.

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Alterations

The type of Classical Revival portico found on the north facade was popular in the 1930s and may date as late as 1941 when the property was purchased by John Sumner Wood. This doorway is very similar to the replacement door found on the Black Rock Miller's House (Resource 24/5). The original house may well have originally faced south, judging by the Colonial Revival wing which faces this facade. The brick section was constructed in 1941 or shortly thereafter. Windows and doors were replaced with new ones on each facade of the house. Open porches with trellis shed roofs were constructed by the current owner on the rear and west facades.

Outbuildings

A modern, two bay carport with cedar shake roof stands immediately west of the house. Further west, across a fenced-in field, is a one and one half story, three by two bay, Cape Cod style tenant house. The structure has a composition shingle roof, asbestos shingle siding and concrete block foundation. An interior ridge chimney is located off center.

Further south is a long, gable front equipment shed with central opening which has been modified to accommodate horses by the construction of concrete block section on the east side, under the gable roof. The roof is standing seam metal, while the walls are covered with wide board siding. A brick flue chimney is located on the exterior of the east side. A shed roof addition is built along the west side, accessed by a pair of sliding doors on the south.

Opposite the equipment shed and facing north is a large gable roof bank barn covered with narrow vertical wood siding. The roof is raised seam metal and foundation is Seneca sandstone. Entrance is through large sliding doors on the north elevation of diagonal wood siding. A square window in each of the doors is covered by a solid wood panel.

No evidence was found of either the log cabin said to have stood near the present house, nor the family cemetery containing at least three to nine graves which was located near the cabin.

8. Significance

Survey No.

M: 24-30

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1908, c1941 Builder/Architect Unknowncheck: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: This resource has some historical significance for its association with the Offutt family, however, it has been dramatically altered by numerous changes made after it was sold out of the family in the early 20th century.

The oldest section of the Offutt house was built by James Howard Offutt, Jr. about 1908. Offutt was a bachelor until 1904, when, at the age of 62 he married Bessie Beall, the 19 year old daughter of Reverdy Beall, a dentist in Darnestown. Before this house was constructed, the couple lived in a log cabin located nearby which had been constructed by the senior James Howard Offutt c1825-1830, when he had purchased the 231 acre farm.

James Howard Jr. had owned the property since 1880, when he bought it for \$2108.90.

The Offutts had a son, James Reverdy Offutt, born in 1914. When James Howard retired from farming, the family leased the farm and moved to Darnestown. In 1929, James and Bessie built a bungalow there where they lived until James died in 1935, at the age of 93. Two years later, Bessie and her son sold the farm.

After purchasing the property in 1941, John Sumner Wood and Peggy Angel Wood remodeled the house. The Woods subdivided the property, calling the development Woodbyrne Farms and creating an eight acre parcel around the house and outbuildings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M: 24-30

See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8.13

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchiorganization M-NCPPC date May, 1994street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone (301) 495-4570city or town Silver Spring state MD

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

Continuation Sheet
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Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
- c. Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture
- d. Resource Type:
Category: Buildings, Sites
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function: Farmhouse/Outbuildings
Use: Residential, Agricultural

Chain of Title

1828 Lemuel Offutt acquired all property formerly owned by Zadock Jones (Deed BS 2:88)

1880 James H Offutt acquired 231 3/4 acres of Springfield tract for \$2108.90. Formerly owned by Lemuel Offutt, now deceased.

1935 James H Offutt died July 4, 1935. (Will HGC 11:123)

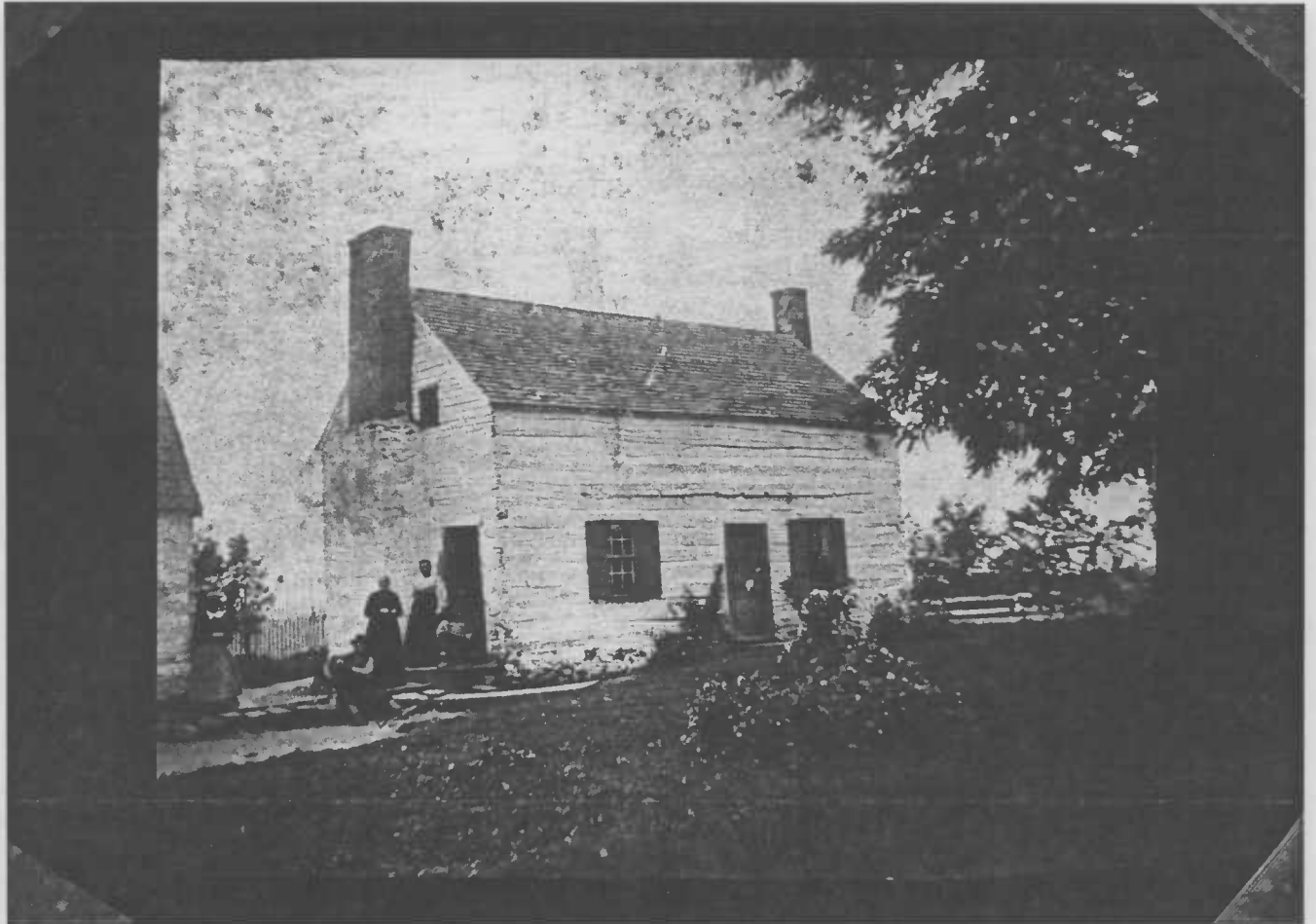
1937 Bessie C Offutt remarried to James A Broome; and son James Reverdy Offutt and wife M. Rebecca Offutt sold property in 1937 to Raymond J. and Alice M Davis, 231 3/4 acres (Deed 664:180)

1941 John Sumner Wood and Peggy Angel Wood (Deed 815:180)

by 1968 Wood subdivided property (Woodbyrne Farms, Plat Bk 97, Plat 10737) when house with 8.13 acres sold to Thomas R. and Mary Jane Moffett (Deed 3823:783)

1986 Present owners Richard W. and Patricia M. Barrow. 8.13 acres. (Deed 7073:769)

Continuation Sheet
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Original log house built by James Howard Offutt, Sr,
c1825-1830. Photograph c1880-1904.
Source: Nancy Houston, private collection.

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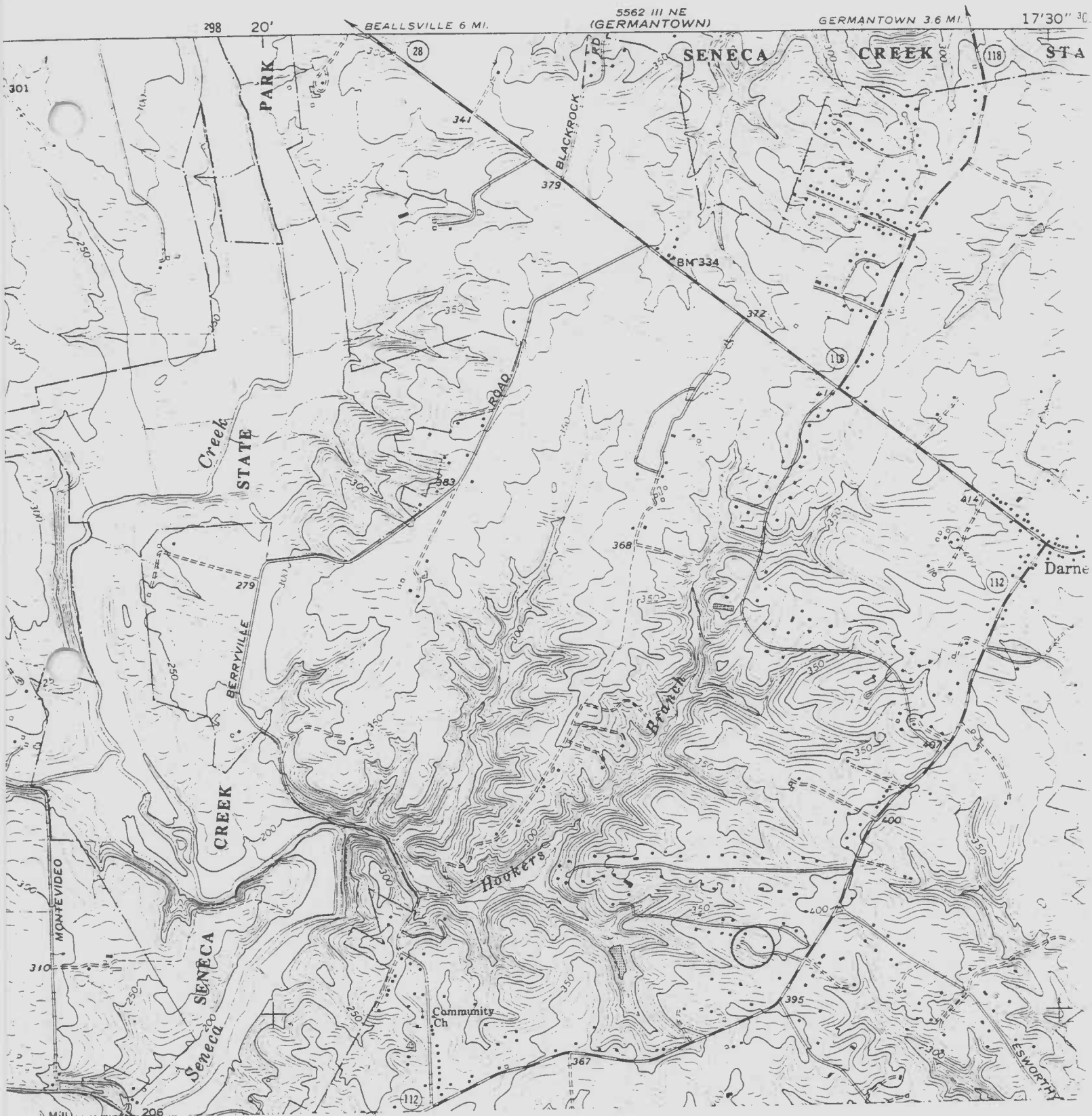
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STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M-24/30
PROPERTY NAME: Woodbyne/Old Offutt Farm
TOWN: Darnestown
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
QUADRANGLE: Seneca, MD-VA



Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M 24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~, MD 20874 (~~Mont~~ City)

L Snyderman

11/93

SOUTH (Rear)

NEG: MD SHPO

10/14

8910-19



Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M 24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Cornwall~~ Darnestown MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

South (Left)

East (Right)

NE6: MDSHPD

20714

8910-17



Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~
~~German Town~~ MD 20874 (Mont City)

L Snyderman

11/93

South (Rear)

NEG: MD S+PO

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Oftutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

West (Left)

South (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne (Airport)

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~ MD 20874 (Mont City)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne (Tenant House)

11/24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

South

NE6: MD SHPO

60714

8910-24



Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~
~~Germanstown~~ MD 20874 (Mont City)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Main)

NEG: MD SHPO

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8910-11



Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darkestown~~
~~German Town~~ MD 20874 (West City)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Main)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Off H Farm / Woodbyrne

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darkestown~~
~~German Town~~ MD 20874 (Montg.)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Main)

NEB: MD SHPO

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Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

M-24/30

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14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~
~~Germanstown~~ MD 20874 (Mont Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Main - Entrance)

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Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne

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14625 Seneca Rd
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L Snyderman

11/93

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NEG:MD SHPO

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Offutt Farm / Woodbyrne (Outbuilding) (Barn)

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Rd
~~Darnestown, Md~~

~~German Lane Rd~~ 20874 (Mont. City)

L Snyderman

11/93

South (Left)

East (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Offutt Farm/Woodbyrne (Outbldg.) (Barn)

M24/30

14625 Seneca Rd

~~Darnestown~~, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Right)

East (Left)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Offutt Farm/Woodbyrne (View from Driveway)

M-24/30

14625 Seneca Road

~~Darnestown~~
~~Germanstown~~ MD 20874 (Mont Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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8910-25

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Magi No. 1606565735

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Offutt Farm

and/or common Woodbyrne

2. Location

street & number 14625 Seneca Rd. ☐ not for publication

city, town Darnestown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Montgomery

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name Thomas R. & Mary Jane Moffett

street & number 14625 Seneca Rd. telephone no.: 948-8776

city, town Darnestown, Md. state and zip code 20767

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 3823

street & number folio 793

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

DESCRIPTION

M: 24-30

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a Classical Revival style of house, probably built in the early 20th Century. The main (south) facade has four bays, with the off-center door in the east half of the house. The door itself has a fanlight transom and sidelights. It is framed by a pedimented portico, that features an arched ceiling in the pedimented portico, that features an arched ceiling in the pediment. Windows are 6/6, and the siding is German. There are newer brick chimneys at each end wall, and additions have been added beyond these. A short, two-story wing extends to the (south) rear. This has a pedimented gable-end that overhangs a three-sided, bay window.

Outbuildings include a bank barn, on a stone foundation, and a remodeled, corn/crib/wagon shed.

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B. Significance

Survey No. .

M: 24-30

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Woodbyrne was built during the early part of the twentieth century as a vernacular farmhouse. When built it more than likely included in its construction the earlier log dwelling of the Offutt farm. Later, during the 1940's, the house went from farm to country residence and the house was remodeled to reflect this change. The present house has a much more sophisticated, Classical Revival appearance. Though this Classical Revival styling is not commonly found in the rural architecture of the county, it is not uncommon in the general area. This house can be compared to similar houses nearby (see King Hs. #24-23 and Magruder Hs. #24-29).

This was the Offutt farm beginning in the mid-nineteenth century up until 1937. James and John Offutt purchased the land, 231 3/4 acres of the "Springfield" tract, in 1841. James died in 1865 leaving the farm to his wife, Mary and their eight children. In 1880, James H. Offutt (son of Mary and James) purchased the farm and log dwelling house where his family had been reportedly living for over twenty years.¹ James built the present house, possibly incorporating the old log house into it, about 1909.² James died in 1935 leaving the farm to his wife, Bessie and son, James Offutt who lived here until 1937 when they sold the house to Raymond and Alice Davis.³

In January of 1941 the house was purchased by John Sumner Wood and his wife, Peggy.⁴ The Woods remodeled and added to the house. They removed the porches of the old farmhouse, reoriented the entry into the house (formerly located on the side of the present house) and added the front porticoed entrance. A combination kitchen/garage wing was also added.⁵ The house was purchased by the present owners, Thomas and Mary Jane Moffett, in December of 1968.⁶

See Attachment Sheet A

- ¹Equity #128, 95/364, Montgomery County Judgement Records.
- ²Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessments Books, 1876-1936
- ³Deed 664/160, Montgomery County Land Records.
- ⁴Deed 815/180, " "
- ⁵Conversation with the present owner, Mary Jane Moffett, 7/83.
- ⁶Deed 3823/793, Montgomery County Land Records.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

M: 24-30

Conversation with Mary Jane Offutt
Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Judgement Records
Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessment Books

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8.135 acres

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Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

(Old Offutt Farm)

AND/OR COMMON

Woodbyrne

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14625 Seneca Road

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas R. Moffett (Wood family?)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

14625 Seneca Road

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

VICINITY OF

(Germantown P.O.)

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a Classical Revival style of house, probably built in the early 20th Century. The main (south) facade has four bays, with the off-center door in the east half of the house. The door itself has a fanlight transom and sidelights. It is framed by a pedimented portico, that features an arched ceiling in the pedimented portico, that features an arched ceiling in the pediment. Windows are 6/6, and the siding is German. There are newer brick chimneys at each end wall, and additions have been added beyond these. A short, two-story wing extends to the (south) rear. This has a pedimented gable-end that overhangs a three-sided, bay window.

Outbuildings include a bank barn, on a stone foundation, and a remodeled, corn/crib/wagon shed.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:24-30

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was the site of Thomas Offutt's farm on the 1865 map, and Mary Offutt is shown as living there on 1878 Atlas. Present structure may incorporate part of an earlier building. This is a rare example of neo-colonial style in rural Montgomery Co. (Similar to "King House" (Magurn) on Berryville Rd.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

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STATE

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